

**REMARKS**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2003, Applicants have studied the Examiner's comments. Claims 1-6 and 11-17 are currently pending. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that with this amendment the application is now in condition for allowance.

**Response to Restriction and Election Requirements**

In response to paragraph 1 of the Office Action mailed November 17, 2003 Applicants elect Group III, claims (in part) 1-6, 11-17, drawn to compounds, composition, a method of use, and the first recited process of making the Formula X-CO(CH<sub>2</sub>-R<sub>2</sub>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>-Phenyl substituted by R<sub>1</sub>, wherein X is HO-NH- or HO-, and R<sub>2</sub> is 2,5-dioxo-1-imidazolidinyl or 2,4-dioxo-1-imidazolidinyl. The election of the Group III claims is believed to render moot the requirements of paragraphs 2-4 of the Office Action since these requirements would apply only had the Group IV inventions been elected.

In light of this election of Group III, claims 1, and 3-5 have been amended to limit their scope to the Group III election.

**CONCLUSION**

An early examination and a Notice of Allowance with respect to all claims are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss the claims, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted



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